

Date of Hearing: March 19, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 135 (Limón) – As Introduced September 6, 2017

SUBJECT: Ventura County Fire Engineer Ryan Osler Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a portion of U.S. Highway 101 as the "Ventura County Fire Engineer Ryan Osler Memorial Highway". Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Fire Engineer Ryan S. Osler of Santa Clarita, a member of the Ventura County Fire Department who lost his life on September 21, 2016, while responding to the Canyon Fire on Vandenberg Air Force Base.
- 2) Designates the portion of U.S. Highway 101 from South Seaward Avenue to Vista Del Mar Drive in Ventura County as the "Fire Engineer Ryan Osler Memorial Highway".
- 3) Requests that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing the special designation and, upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

EXISTING LAW: Assigns Caltrans the responsibility of operating and maintaining state highways. This includes the installation and maintenance of highway signs.

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown, but the resolution requests that Caltrans only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

COMMENTS: Fire Engineer Ryan S. Osler was an 18-year veteran of the Ventura County Fire Department when he lost his life in an accident while responding to a fire. He was the first member of the Ventura County Fire Department to die in the line of duty in 25 years. Fire Engineer Osler was reportedly a loving husband, father, son, and brother. He leaves behind his wife and their two children. The highway designation honors Fire Engineer Ryan Osler for his sacrifice while protecting others.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Professional Firefighters

Garrett Huff, Fire Captain, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, and President, Santa Barbara County Fire Fighter's Benevolent Foundation

Eric L. Peterson, Santa Barbara County Fire Warden

Opposition

None on file

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